

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

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6 February 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - [REDACTED] January 1974

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I. GENERAL

A. Chief, Operations Group, [REDACTED] visited the bureau 27-31 January to familiarize himself with the bureau's growth and present operations, get to know the new personnel and renew acquaintances with older employees who had been at the bureau during his tenure as bureau chief ten years ago. He discussed the bureau's coverage and staffing plans with the bureau chief and other bureau officers and met with several local consumers at a luncheon hosted by the bureau chief. [REDACTED]

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The bureau chief and deputy bureau chief each hosted cocktail and buffet parties at their homes in [REDACTED] honor, attended bureau employees and spouses and other local colleagues; and the bureau's two senior editors hosted a "tea" at the bureau for employees scheduled for the evening shift during the period of [REDACTED] visit.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The [] advised the bureau that it would accept its contract proposals with minor modifications which FBIS in turn agreed to. The contract was forwarded to [] at month's end for signature. STAT
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2. The bureau continued experimentation with its associate editors, assigning them for the first time the editing of translated copy and relieving them of some press selection responsibilities. The latter, together with responsibility for expanded selection from Latin American newspapers, were assigned to selected senior monitors. Further changes in the tasks assigned to associate editors and selection monitors and development of a formal training program for each were planned for February.

3. The first of the newly placed subscriptions to Latin American newspapers, those from Nicaragua and El Salvador, were being received by month's end.

4. The bureau shared with [] bureaus coverage of the mass rally welcoming CPSU General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev to Havana on 28 January. [] shared processing of Fidel Castro's speech while [] processed Brezhnev's speech from the Russian-language broadcast by Radio Moscow. [] compared the Moscow broadcast text with Havana International Service's Spanish text and provided some fills in time for next day DAILY REPORT publication. STAT
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5. The bureau provided full coverage of ceremonies and speeches marking the tenth anniversary of the 1964 riots in Panama, General Torrijos' visit to Argentina and Peru, the attack on the Azul army garrison in Argentina and the strikes and unrest in Bolivia during the month.

6. A higher level of antiregime agitation by Panama's business and middle class produced a flurry of broadsides issued by the dissidents in the absence of a free press. [] STAT

7. In compliance with Headquarters request, all monitors who have not had a hearing test within the past two years were scheduled to be tested at [] Hospital during February. STAT

B. Communications

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D. Technical

1. The bureau chief and the chief technician made a detailed survey of each antenna mast in the antenna field. Thirteen were identified as in immediate need of painting, and the concrete bases of two were found affected by serious water erosion. Estimates for painting and correcting the erosion problem were obtained.

2. After a hiatus over the holidays, bureau technicians resumed preparatory work for relocating Main Radio. The weekend of 15-18 March was selected for the move.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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2. Monitor trainee resigned effective 18 January.

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3. completed the training program in seven months and was promoted to grade NM-7.

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B. Facilities

A work order was sent to the Facilities Engineers, for installation of improved outdoor lighting in the parking area, a warning bell at the front door and other minor modifications. Estimates were requested for installation of a heat-sensitive fire alarm system and for structural modifications in the new Main Radio, the old Main Radio, the dining room and the storage and shop area.

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Attachments:

- A. Operations (including Production Report)
- B. Engineering
- C. Form 217a (page 1 only)

OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT TO THE

[REDACTED] MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1974

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1. Overall voice reception continued to be fair to poor during the month; reception of most press circuits remained fair.
2. Sporadic jamming interference was observed on Havana IS Spanish 15425-15340-15230-11760 khz between 2330 and 0500 GMT and on Moscow IS Spanish to Chile 9775-9450-7240 khz between 2200 and 0400 GMT during the month. Although the jamming signals on Moscow and Havana frequencies are different, interference directivity in both cases is identical, with the strongest signal on antennas between 157 and 171 degrees; this would appear to bear out the assumption that the jamming originates in Chile. Close observation of all frequencies is continuing.
3. On 15 January, Santiago Radio Nacional de Chile, identifying itself as "La Voz de Chile, transmitting on the 19, 25, 31 and 49-meter bands," began daily broadcasts in Russian, German, Italian, French, English, Spanish and Arabic between 2015 and 0500 GMT. Programming, which is the same in each language segment, consists of local news and propaganda items. Local newscasts formerly carried by the transmitter which identified itself as CB 114 are no longer heard, since the same frequency (15150 khz) is used for the new international service broadcasts. The Spanish and English segments of the "Voz de Chile" broadcasts have been added to regular coverage. The only other Chilean programs now monitorable [REDACTED] domestic service network broadcast at 1600-1630Z and the Radio Portales newscast at 2330-0015Z.

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4. [REDACTED]

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5. Argentine time was moved ahead one hour 23 January. The Buenos Aires ANSA transmission now signs off at 0500 GMT.

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7. Much of the cruising monitor's attention was devoted to close observation of jamming on Havana and Moscow IS frequencies to determine interference patterns; cruising of audible Chilean voice frequencies to establish programming with the advent of the international service; [redacted] checks of Guinea-Bissau TDM, AFP Portuguese, and Windward Islands radio in response to FCS requests; and observation of AFP French transmissions for material of value.
8. The Hamburg DPA Spanish transmission to Latin America, totaling some 12.5 hours daily, was added to regular coverage. Reception has been fair to date.

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MONTHLY PRODUCTION REPORT

JANUARY, 1974

1. Coverage (Priority 1 and 2)

- a. Average daily hours of voice 22.8
- b. Average daily hours of press service 167.7
- c. Average daily hours of press 7.8
(1/2 hour per paper)

2. Production (English)

- a. Average daily voice wordage 328
- b. Average daily press wordage 16
- c. Average daily press 36

3. Production (All other)

- a. Average daily voice wordage 2,400
- b. Average daily press service wordage 6,294
- c. Average daily press 566

4. Total Average Daily Publishable wordage (2 plus 3) 9,640

- a. Average Daily number of items of Publishable wordage sent: 39

5. Total daily average wordage of multipaper, multilanguage and/
or multisources roundups, program summaries filed as a
continuing requirement; commentary lists, cruising messages: 2,2096. Total Daily Average Filed Wordage (4 plus 5) 11,8497. Total number of ETG Abstracts for Month NONE

ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT TO THE

[REDACTED] MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1974

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Accountable Property Received

1. One each demodulator, dual frequency, consisting of two twin-plex converters mounted in a single card tray, Model 1204A, S/N FE-13595; Requisition No. 532-H-419-73, Voucher No. 73-20547-FVI; cost: \$4,090.00.

2. Three each, receiver, radio, Collins Md1 651S-1, consisting of basic receiver, 500Hz filter, filter board with 3.0 KHz filter offset 2550Hz, battery keep-alive feature, power cords; P/N 522-4836-180, S/N 2294, 2295, 2296; requisition No. 532-H-323-74, Voucher No. 73-16392; unit cost: \$4,364.00.

Accountable Property Transferred

To [REDACTED] Mode V TCU Logic Card PL-1146/G, MP-5305; one each.

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